

PREVIEW

Speech in the Virginia Convention

Patrick Henry

Summary In this speech, Patrick Henry says that he respectfully disagrees with the previous speeches. He believes that the actions of the British mean that they are preparing for war. The colonists have tried to discuss the problem, but continue to be ignored.

Henry claims that the war has already begun. The only choices, he believes, are to fight or to become slaves.

Note-taking Guide

Use this chart to compare the arguments for and against going to war.



Against	For
The colonists are too weak.	The colonists are as strong as they will ever be.